

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-39, and 41-44 are pending in the application. Claim 21, 41, and 42 are cancelled herewith. Claims 7, 43, and 44 are amended herewith to address rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3, 7-17, 21-23, 43 and 44 remain rejected over the art of record.

Applicants reserve the right to address on appeal the rejections of claims 1, 3, 7-17, 21-23, 43 and 44 over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants file herewith a Notice of Appeal, a copy of which is attached.

Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if Applicants have reached this conclusion in error, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 00216-489001.

Respectfully submitted,

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